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The Best in Iowa Affordable Housing Initiatives Showcased at HousingIowa Awards

6th annual HousingIowa awards honor outstanding housing initiatives throughout Iowa

(Des Moines, Iowa) – Three outstanding Iowa housing initiatives and two individuals from throughout the state were recently recognized with HousingIowa Awards at the 2013 HousingIowa Conference, presented by the Iowa Finance Authority in Coralville.

The HousingIowa Awards recognize outstanding programs, projects and people for their leadership and innovation in advancing affordable housing development in Iowa. The four categories include: Multifamily, Single-Family, Special Needs and Legislative Friend of Housing Award.

In addition to the HousingIowa Awards, the Kay Anderson Friend of Iowa Award was awarded, founded in 2008 when the state of Iowa lost an exceptional community development advocate with the passing of Kay Anderson. A resident of LeMars and long-time member of the IFA Board of Directors, Kay is remembered for her kindness to others and commitment to the success of programs that helped make Iowa a better place. This award recognizes an individual who encompasses Kay's outstanding qualities.

An independent panel of judges deemed the following 2013 HousingIowa Award winners:

- **Multifamily Development**

Crestview Terrace Apartments, Community Housing Initiatives
Contact: Sam Erickson, COO, Community Housing Initiatives: 515.262.5965

- **Single-Family Development**

Providing Assistance for Teachers Housing, Southern Iowa COG Housing Trust Fund
Contact: Timothy Ostroski, Executive Director, Southern Iowa COG Housing Trust Fund: 641.782.8491

- **Special Needs Development**

Central Iowa Shelter and Services Homeless Opportunity Center
Contact: Tony Timm, Executive Director, Central Iowa Shelter and Services: 515.284.5719

- **Legislative Friend of Housing Award**

Senator Robert Dvorsky, Iowa State Senate
Contact: Senator Robert Dvorsky: 319.351.0988

- **6th Annual Kay Anderson Friend of Iowa Award**

Susan McGuire, Center for Siouxland
Contact: Susan McGuire: 712.252.1861

More information about the HousingIowa Conference is available at www.IFAMeetings.com

The Iowa Legislature created The Iowa Finance Authority, the state's housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority's role has grown to include nearly 50 affordable housing and water quality programs. The Iowa Finance Authority is a self-supporting public agency whose mission is to finance, administer, advance and preserve affordable housing and to promote community and economic development for Iowans.